Award to the Men and Women of

THE UNION SWITCH AND SIGNAL COMPANY

Swissvale, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER 3, 1944

SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AWARD

The award conferred in this ceremony is a symbol of joint recognition by the Army and Navy of outstanding performance on the production front by the men and women of the Union Switch and Signal Company.

The Army-Navy Production Award is for past achievement, and is given for a period of six months. To retain the award, it must be re-won every six months.

It is an honor not easily earned nor lightly bestowed. Its possession consequently becomes a matter of great pride, indicating achievement by the company and its employees in supporting the fighting forces in the struggle for human freedom.

In accepting this honor, the men and women of this company pledge to the Army and Navy their continued efforts to keep this flag flying until victory is won.

U. S. SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO

MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES P. GROSS, U. S. ARMY

Appropriately, Major General Gross, who presents the "E" award to the men and women of the Union Switch and Signal Company, is the Chief of Transportation of the Army Service Forces. He is a graduate of West Point, Class of 1914, of the Army's Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and of the Army War College, Washington, D. C. He was awarded the Purple Heart for meritorious service in the Gerardmer Sector during World War I. In the course of his activities during World War II, he has visited all the theatres of action, some of them many times.

CAPTAIN K. V. DAWSON, U. S. NAVY

Graduate U. S. Naval Academy, class of 1925. 1925-27, sea duty on USS California. 1927-32, destroyer duty as Gunnery Officer, serving on Nicaraguan Patrol in 1927 and on Mexican Patrol during revolution in 1928. 1932-35, Ordnance Post-Graduate Course at Annapolis, including one year at Carnegie Institute of Technology, on Metallurgy. 1939, took command of USS Shubrick and served on Caribbean Patrol. 1940, Gunnery Officer on USS California. Was in the Pearl Harbor attack and received a citation in connection therewith from Admiral Nimitz. May, 1942, Gunnery Officer on USS Alabama at Norfolk Navy Yard. 1943, joined Inspector of Naval Material, Pittsburgh, as Chief of Inspection and Technical Section.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

7 October 1944

To the Men and Women
of The Union Switch and Signal Company
Swissvale, Pennsylvania

This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for high achievement in the production of war materiel.

Your patriotism, as shown by your remarkable production record, has helped our country along the road to victory. May I extend to you men and women of The Union Switch and Signal Company my congratulations for accomplishing more than once seemed reasonable or possible.

In conferring this award, the Army and Navy will give you a flag to fly above your plant and will present to every individual within it a lapel pin symbolic of leadership on the production front.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War

Union Switch & Signal Company

GEORGE A. BLACKMORE
PRESIDENT

SWISSVALE, PA.
October 10, 1944.

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the management and the men and women of The Union Switch and Signal Company, we acknowledge with sincere thanks your letter of October 7 announcing that the Army-Navy Production Award is being conferred upon us.

We are proud to accept this honor for past accomplishment, and we are sure that it will be an inspiration for still greater achievements in the future.

Respectfully yours,

George A. Blackmore

President.

PROGRAM OF PRESENTATION

Army-Navy Production Award — *Friday, November 3, 1944*

1. Assembly — *Patriotic Selections* ..... Band

2. Introduction of Master of Ceremonies ..... Mr. W. H. Cadwallader
Vice President and General Manager

3. Raising of Colors ..... Color Guard
Star Spangled Banner — *Solo*, Miss Mary Martha Briney

4. Presentation of Award ..... Major General Charles P. Gross, U.S.A.
Chief of Transportation, Army Service Forces

5. Raising of Army-Navy "E" Burgee ..... Color Guard
Transportation Corps March — *Band*

6. Acceptance of Award ..... Mr. G. A. Blackmore
President and Chairman of the Board

7. Presentation of Army-Navy "E" Pin ..... Captain K. V. Dawson, U.S.N.
Technical and Inspection Officer, Pittsburgh Inspection District
Plant Representatives — Lt. L. D. Mitchell and Mr. W. P. Trout

8. Acceptance of Army-Navy "E" Pin ..... Mr. W. P. Trout
Chief Steward, Local No. 610, U. E. R. and M. W. of A.

9. America ..... Group singing led by Miss Briney

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Mr. W. C. (Bill) Sutherland

COLOR GUARDS: Daniel W. Brooks Post No. 63, American Legion

SOLOIST: Miss Mary Martha Briney

MUSIC: Danny Nirella's Band

ARMY E NAVY

OFFICIAL GUESTS

For the Army

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES P. GROSS, *Chief of Transportation* — Army Service Forces

COL. R. C. DOWNIE, *Chief*, Pittsburgh Ordnance District

LT. COL. R. H. SARTOR, *Zone Transportation Officer* — Third Transportation Zone

LT. COL. E. L. REHMANN, *Chief, Supply Division* — Third Transportation Zone

LT. COL. JOHN H. REDMOND, *Executive Officer* — Pittsburgh Ordnance District

CAPT. MARVIN L. GRAY, *Asst. Sub-Area Representative* — Army Air Forces Air Technical Service Command

For the Navy

CAPT. W. R. NICHOLS, U.S.N., *Supervisor of Shipbuilding* — Pittsburgh District

CAPT. K. V. DAWSON, U.S.N., *Technical and Inspection Officer* — Office of Inspector of Naval Material, Pittsburgh District

COMDR. C. E. EGELER, U.S.N.R., *Assistant to the Inspector of Naval Material* — Pittsburgh District

COMDR. C. McK. LYNCH, U.S.N. (Ret.), *Officer in Charge* — Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Pittsburgh District

COMDR. E. W. McKINLEY, U.S.N. (Ret.), *Assistant for Procurement Expediting*—Office of Inspector of Naval Material, Pittsburgh District

LT. T. H. CABLE, U.S.N.R., *District Industrial Incentive Officer* — Office of Inspector of Naval Material, Pittsburgh District

WITH THE COLORS

In answer to the Nation's call, 1406 men and women have gone from the employ of the company into the armed services. By their work before they left us and by their inspiration afterward they have helped us earn this award.

IN MEMORIAM

In humility and gratitude we pay tribute to these 19 former employees who have given their lives in the service of their country during this war.

Leonard Blednick
S. Allen Brown
Bernard Fraley
Frank A. Gentile
Richard Herpich
James H. Hill
Robert Isenberg
Charles W. Johnson
William Kann
Paul Marcinko
Roy L. Moody
Ronald B. Muoio
Edward R. Murphy
Donovon T. Shipman
George Socher
Mike Sorokach
Edward A. Stork
Joseph F. Willinsky
John M. Wilson

Employees In This Plant
Will Each Receive This Beautiful Merit Emblem

The War and Navy Departments recognize that outstanding achievement in war production results from the cooperative efforts of individuals. In recognition of this personal accomplishment, each employee will be presented an Army-Navy "E" Lapel Pin, to wear proudly as evidence of outstanding service to our Country.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
  Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
  Let freedom ring.